



## SD VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

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### Requirements for Veterinary Medical Licensure in South Dakota

1. The applicant must be 18 years of age.
2. The applicant shall make application to the SD Veterinary Medical Examining Board at least 30 days prior to examination.
3. The application shall be made on the form furnished by the Board; and telephone confirmation to sit for the examination.
4. Application must be signed by an Accredited or Approved College of Veterinary Medicine's Dean verifying graduation. If applicant is a graduate of a foreign college that is not accredited or approved by AVMA, must obtain a certificate from the AVMA's Educational Commission for Foreign Veterinary Graduates (ECFVG) or AAVSB (PAVE), to be eligible for licensure exam.
5. Copy of college diploma. (For students who have not yet received a diploma, a letter from the Dean stating the date you will graduate is required.)
6. Applicant must furnish proof of an average score of 70 on the National Board Exam and the Clinical Competency Test, or score 425 (70) on the North American Veterinary Licensing Examination (NAVLE), which is computer-based testing (CBT), and is administered in Prometric Test Centers (PTCs). The NAVLE replaces the National Board Exam and the Clinical Competency Test. Scores may be obtained by writing the American Association of Veterinary State Boards' Veterinary Information Verifying Agency (VIVA), 380 W 22<sup>nd</sup> St, Suite 101, Kansas City, MO 64108; or telephone Toll Free (877) 698-8482, or (816) 931-1504; Fax (816) 931-1604; or e-mail: [info@aaavsb.org](mailto:info@aaavsb.org). The SDVMEB does not collect applications or fees for NAVLE; we submit the names of candidates approved through SD.
7. If licensed in a state, or ever held a license in a state, applicant must furnish proof that this license is in good standing with no disciplinary action previously or pending against the license, by means of the enclosed form or a letter from the Examining Board in that state.
8. The applicant must obtain a score of 90 on the South Dakota State Jurisprudence written examination; and have an oral interview with the Board, to be issued a license.
9. The fee for taking the state board exam is **\$75.00**. Biannual license fee is **\$100.00** due on July 1 of odd numbered years. For those obtaining licensure on even numbered years an annual fee of **\$50.00** must be submitted for license. (Therefore total fees to be submitted if you are taking exam on odd numbered years is \$175.00; or if you are taking exam on an even numbered year the total fee to submit is \$125.00.)
10. The South Dakota Veterinary Medical State Board Examination is administered annually on the first Thursday in June; the next one being in 2012. It will be held in Pierre SD. If you have questions please telephone 605-773-3321 or e-mail: [aibmail@state.sd.us](mailto:aibmail@state.sd.us)
11. You may be issued a temporary license upon written request, when your application is filed and all other requirements are met. This temporary license will only be valid until the next State Veterinary Board Exam is administered. It must include where and when you will be employed. You may also apply to USDA, APHIS Veterinary Services at 605-224-6186 for temporary accreditation, which is required for doing program disease work and signing interstate health certificates.